

What you need to know...

Your Retirement Application and Options



Objectives

- Explain the difference between a survivor and beneficiary
- Overview of the retirement payment options
- Review the benefit payout for the most common retirement payment options
- Discuss the sections of the Service Retirement Application
- Identify supporting documentation and forms



Beneficiary vs. Survivor

- Beneficiary can be anyone of your choosing and is not set by law
 - Your spouse/domestic partner may have a community property claim
- Survivor state law determines who, if anyone, receives benefits as a survivor

Survivor Continuance

- A monthly benefit paid after your death in retirement to an eligible survivor
- Your employer pays for the benefit
- Provided by law to all State and School members
- Public Agency members receive this only if their employer contracts for this benefit

Eligible Survivors

- Order of eligibility:
 - Spouse or registered domestic partner
 - Unmarried children under age 18
 - Unmarried disabled children who became disabled prior to age 18 and whose continuing disability renders them unable to hold gainful employment
 - Parents who are economically dependent on you

Survivor Continuance Benefit Amount

- The amount is based on whether or not you contribute to Social Security
- With Social Security, your survivor will receive 25% of your unmodified allowance
- Without Social Security, your survivor will receive 50% of your unmodified allowance

Survivor Continuance Benefit Amount (continued)

- It is the same dollar amount regardless of what retirement payment option you elect
- It is payable to your eligible survivor no matter what payment option you select or who you name as a beneficiary

A Retirement Payment Option

- Determines what benefits your beneficiary receives after your death
- Most payment options require a reduction in your retirement income in order to provide a benefit to your beneficiary
- The reduction is based on actuarial factors of age for both you and your beneficiary
- You must select a payment option on your retirement application

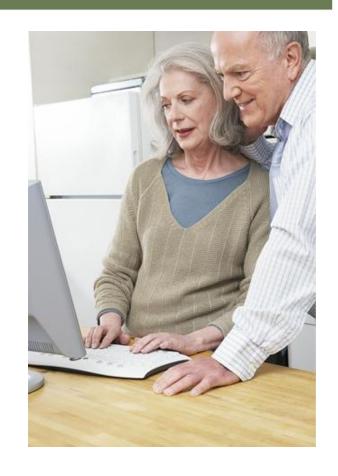
Retirement Options

- The Unmodified Allowance
- Option 1
- Option 2
- Option 2W
- Option 3
- Option 3W
- Option 4

Meet Sally Sample

Sally is a CalPERS member planning for retirement.

To help her decide which option is best for her, she orders a CalPERS generated retirement estimate.



Sally Sample's Retirement Estimate

To calculate Sally's estimate, CalPERS uses her account information and the following details she provides:

- She plans to retire on her 55th birthday
- She will name her husband as her beneficiary
- Her husband is one year older than she is

Unmodified Allowance Highest monthly allowance payable.	For you	\$1433
Benefit ends at your death. The only benefit payable is the lump sum death benefit.	For your survivor	\$358

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For you	\$1421	
For your beneficiary	Your total contributions of \$60,000.00 will be reduced by \$462.10 for each month that you receive an allowance. Your contributions will be reduced to zero in approximately 10.82 years.	
For your survivor	\$358	
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1421	

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For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1421

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	For your survivor	\$358
	For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1421

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Lowest monthly allowance payable to you. Upon your death, CalPERS pays out the same monthly allowance. Returns to the Unmodified Allowance amount if your beneficiary predeceases you.

For you	\$1357
For your beneficiary	\$999
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1433

Option 2		
Lowest monthly allowance payable to		
you. Upon your death, CalPERS pays		
out the same monthly allowance.		
Returns to the Unmodified Allowance		
amount if your beneficiary		

	For you	\$1357
,	For your beneficiary	\$999
	For your survivor	\$358
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For you	\$1357
For your beneficiary	\$999
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1433

Option 2W

For you	\$1369
For your beneficiary	\$1011
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1369

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For you	\$1369
For your beneficiary	\$1011
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1369

Option 2W

For you	\$1369
For your beneficiary	\$1011
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1369

Option 2W

For you	\$1369
For your beneficiary	\$1011
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1369

Option 3

For you	\$1393
For your beneficiary	\$517
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1433

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For you	\$1393
For your beneficiary	\$517
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1433

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For you	\$1393
For your beneficiary	\$517
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1433

Option 3

For you	\$1393
For your beneficiary	\$517
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1433

Option 3W

For you	\$1401
For your beneficiary	\$521
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1401

Option	3W
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For you	\$1401
For your beneficiary	\$521
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1401

Option 3W

For you	\$1401
For your beneficiary	\$521
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1401

Option 3W

For you	\$1401
For your beneficiary	\$521
For your survivor	\$358
For you, if your beneficiary predeceases you	\$1401

Option 4

- Option 2W & Option 1 combined
- Option 3W & Option 1 combined
- Specific dollar amount to a beneficiary
- Specific percentage to a beneficiary
- Reduced allowance for fixed period
- Multiple lifetime beneficiaries
- Reduction on death of retiree or named beneficiary

Retirement Benefit Estimate

- Within three years of retirement
 - Download and complete the *Retirement Allowance Estimate Request* form, or
 - Fill out the online estimate request form and submit it electronically, or
 - Call CalPERS at 888 CalPERS (or 888-225-7377)
- More than three years from retirement
 - my|CalPERS Calculate My Retirement

Retirement Payment Options Facts

- A variety of payment options
- Option choice impacts your benefit for life
- Select payment option on retirement application
- Option choice is irrevocable
- Make an informed choice

Service Retirement Election Application

- The application is in A Guide to Completing Your CalPERS Service Retirement Election Application
- This publication also includes information about:
 - Creating a retirement planning checklist
 - Health, dental and vision
 - Taxes
 - Working after retirement



Service Retirement Election Application

(888) CalPERS (225-7377) • TTY for Speech and Hearing Impaired: (916) 795-3240

Please do not mail or deliver your application to CalPERS more than 90 days before your retirement date.

Information About You Section 1 Please provide your Name (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name) Social Security Number name as it appears on your Social Security card. Address ZIP City State Country Please display all dates in this order: month/day/year. ■ Male ■ Female Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Work Phone Gender Home Phone

Section 2

Please do not abbreviate your employer or position.

Information About Your Retirement

Please refer to the detailed instructions in this publication.

Retirement Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Employer Position Title

Section 2 – Temporary Annuity

The Temporary Annuity benefit for which you are eligible is based on your CalPERS membership date. Temporary Annuity - If you select this benefit, you must also fill out Section 3d, Option 1 Balance of Contributions and/or Temporary Annuity Balance beneficiary(ies).

To provide for an additional Temporary Annuity Allowance, you elect to reduce your monthly allowance for life.

No Yes

If you first became a member on January 1, 2002, or later, you elect to receive Temporary Annuity until age

(62 to 70) in the amount of

Dollars

The amount of your Temporary Annuity cannot exceed the estimated amount of your Social Security benefit at the age designated in this election.

Or

If you first became a member prior to January 1, 2002, you elect to receive Temporary Annuity until age

(59½ or whole age 60 to 68) in the amount of

Dollars

per month.

Section 2 – Final Compensation Period & Other Public Retirement Systems

	Do you have any final compensation Period Do you have any final compensation No ☐ Yes, from Beginning Date	tion period higher than the last consecut to Ending Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	ive 12 or 36 months?
Do not list Social Security, military or railroad retirement as a California	Other California Public Retiren Are you a member of a California	nent Systems I public retirement system other than Cal	PERS? □ No □ Yes, provide:
public retirement system.	Name of System	1	1
	Retirement Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Beginning Service Credit Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Ending Service Credit Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Put your name and Social Security number at the top of every page

Your Name Social Security Number

Section 3

Select Your Retirement Payment Option and Beneficiary

By filling out this section, you are electing your Retirement Payment Option and designating your beneficiary. Once you select a payment option, you cannot change to another option. Along with your option selection, you must complete at least one of the beneficiary designations in Sections 3a-3d. If you choose the Unmodified Allowance Option, you do not need to specify a beneficiary. Please refer to the detailed instructions in this publication for more information.

Select only one payment option: Option 1, Option 2, Option 2W, Option 3, Option 3W, the Unmodified Allowance Option, or one of the Option 4 types.

- Option 1 To complete this option choice, you must also fill out Section 3d, Balance of Contributions Beneficiary.
- Option 2 To complete this option choice, you must also fill out Section 3a, Individual Lifetime Beneficiary.
- Option 2W To complete this option choice, you must also fill out Section 3a, Individual Lifetime Beneficiary.
- Option 3 To complete this option choice, you must also fill out Section 3a, Individual Lifetime Beneficiary.
- Option 3W To complete this option choice, you must also fill out Section 3a, Individual Lifetime Beneficiary.
- Unmodified Allowance Option If you select this option there is no return of your member contributions and no monthly benefits payable upon your death - except the Survivor Continuance Benefit, if applicable. There is no beneficiary designation for this option.



Section 3 – Select Your Retirement Option and Beneficiary (continued)

Option 4, Individual Lifetime Beneficiary - If you select this option, you must also select one of the following Individual Lifetime Beneficiary options below. Option 2W & Option 1 Combined - To complete this option choice, you must also fill out Section 3a Individual These options apply Lifetime Beneficiary and Section 3d Balance of Contributions Beneficiary. to Option 4 Individual Lifetime Beneficiary only. Option 3W & Option 1 Combined - To complete this option choice, you must also fill out Section 3a Individual Lifetime Beneficiary and Section 3d Balance of Contributions Beneficiary. Specific Dollar Amount to Beneficiary \$ To complete this option choice, you must also fill out Section 3a Individual Lifetime Beneficiary Specific Percentage to Beneficiary _% - To complete this option choice, you must also fill out Section 3a Individual Lifetime Beneficiary ☐ Reduced Allowance upon death of retiree or beneficiary: \$_____ reduction amount If you are naming a beneficiary under this option, you must also fill out Section 3a, Individual Lifetime Beneficiary.



Section 3 – Select Your Retirement Option and Beneficiary (continued)

This option applies to
Option 4 Multiple Lifetime
Beneficiaries only.

These options apply to
Option 4, Court Ordered Community Property - If you select this option, you must also complete section 3c,
Option 4, Court Ordered C.P. Beneficiary and select one of the following Court Ordered Community Property options.

Option 4/Unmodified - There is no additional beneficiary designation for this option.

Option 4/1 - To complete this option, you must also fill out Section 3d, Balance of Contributions Beneficiary.

Option 4/2W - To complete this option, you must also fill out Section 3a, Individual Lifetime Beneficiary.

Option 4/3W - To complete this option, you must also fill out Section 3a, Individual Lifetime Beneficiary.

Section 3a

Designate one beneficiary and provide all of that person's information including full name.

Option 2, 2W, 3, 3W or 4 Individual Lifetime Beneficiary

Complete this section only if you chose either Option 2, 2W, 3, 3W or Option 4 Individual Lifetime Beneficiary or Option 4/2W or 4/3W Court Ordered Community Property.

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Name (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)				Social Security Number
	☐ Male ☐ Female			
Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Gender	Relationship to Yo	U	
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Section 3b

If you want your beneficiaries to receive an equal share of your benefits, do not specify a dollar or percentage of benefit.

Option 4 Multiple Lifetime Beneficiaries						
Complete this section only if you selected Option 4 Multiple	e Lifetime Beneficiaries.					
Name (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)		Social Security Number				
☐ Male ☐ Female						
Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Gender	Relationship to You	Dollar/Percent of Benefit				
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City	State ZIP	Country				
Name (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)		Social Security Number				
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Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Gender	Relationship to You	Dollar/Percent of Benefit				
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City	State ZIP	Country				



Section 3c

List only the Option 4 beneficiary that is required by your court order.

Court Ordered Option 4 Community Property Beneficiary					
Complete this section only if you selected Option 4 Court Or	dered Commun	ity Property.			
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Section 3d

Designate up to 3
beneficiaries here. If you
want to designate more
than 3 beneficiaries
or name different
beneficiaries for the
Option 1 balance and the
Temporary Annuity balance,
see information in this
publication on completing
the Post Retirement
Lump Sum Beneficiary
Designation form.

Option 1 Balance of Contributions and/or Temporary Annuity Balance Beneficiary(ies)

Complete this section only if you selected Option 1, Option 4-2W/1 or 3W/1 combined or the Temporary Annuity allowance. You may change this beneficiary(ies) at any time. This designation automatically revokes when there is a change in your marital status, domestic partnership status, or when there is a birth or adoption of a child. Please refer to the detailed instructions in this publication for more information.

Name (First Name, Middle Initial, Las	st Name)			 Social Security Number
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Address				
City		State	ZIP	Country



Section 4

All Applicants must complete this section.

Designate your beneficiary to receive your Lump-Sum Retired Death Benefit.

Retired Death Benefit

This section designates the person who will receive your Lump-Sum Retired Death Benefit. You may change this beneficiary(ies) at any time. This designation automatically revokes when there is a change in your marital status, domestic partnership status, or when there is a birth or adoption of a child. Please refer to the detailed instructions in this publication for more information.

Name (First Name, Middle Initial, La	st Name)			Social Security Number
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Section 5

Please answer all five questions and complete the information in each section where you answered "yes".

Survivor Continuance

Section 5 – Survivor Continuance (continued)

3. Do you have any natural or adopted unmarried child	lren under age 18? ☐ No	☐ Yes, provide:		
Name of Child (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)	Social Security Number	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		
Name of Child (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)	Social Security Number	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		
 Do you have any unmarried children who were disabled prior to their 18th birthday and who are still disabled? ☐ No ☐ Yes, provide: 				
Name of Child (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)	Social Security Number	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		
Name of Child (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)	Social Security Number	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		
5. Are your parents dependent upon you for one-half of their support? ☐ No ☐ Yes, provide:				
Name of Parent (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)	Social Security Number	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		
Name of Parent (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)	Social Security Number	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)		

Section 6	Last Day on Payroll
Please enter the last day you received compensation.	(mm/dd/yyyy)
Section 7	Employer Certification
Have your employer complete this section.	Please refer to the detailed instructions in this publication for more information.
Do not detach from application. This certification is not required if you are or were separated from employment for more	Employee's Last Day on Payroll (mm/dd/yyyy) Balance of unused sick leave hours on employee's date of separation ÷ 8 =
than four months before your retirement date.	Signature of Employer Print Name (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name) () Position Title of Employer Date (mm/dd/yyyy)



Section 8	Tax Withholding Election			
Please choose one only.	Federal Income Tax information. Please refer to the detailed instructions in this publication for more information.			
	☐ Do not withhold federal income tax.			
	☐ Withhold federal income tax in the amount of \$ per month.			
	☐ Withhold federal income tax based on the tax tables for:			
	☐ A married individual withtax withholding exemptions.			
	☐ A single individual withtax withholding exemptions.			
	In addition to the amount withheld based on the tax tables, withhold \$ per month.			

Section 8 – Tax Withholding Election (continued)

Please choose one only.	State Income Tax information. Please refer to the detailed instructions in this publication for more information.			
State withholding is optional for out-of-state residents.	$\ \square$ Do not withhold State of California income tax.			
	☐ Withhold State of California income tax in the amount of \$per month.			
	☐ Withhold State of California income tax based on the tax tables for:			
	☐ A married individual with tax withholding exemptions.			
	☐ A single individual with tax withholding exemptions.			
	In addition to the amount withheld based on the tax tables, withhold \$per month.			
	☐ Withhold State of California income tax in the amount of 10 percent of the federal income tax withholding amount.			

Section 9

This section must be completed or your application will be returned.

If your spouse's or domestic partner's signature is not available, See instructions in this publication on completing the Justification for Absence of Signature form. Your signature and your spouse's or domestic partner's signature must be notarized by a notary public or witnessed by a CalPERS representative.

Member Signature and Notary

I certify, under the penalty of perjury, that the information submitted hereon is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand to cancel this application or to change the elected option or beneficiary I must notify CalPERS before the mailing of my first full monthly retirement allowance check.

I understand that if I am married or in a registered domestic partnership, but do not name my spouse or partner as beneficiary, they may still be entitled to a community property share of the Option 1 lump sum return of contributions benefit or a share of the monthly option death benefit allowance. Their community property interest is 50% of the benefit based on the contributions or service credit earned for the period of CalPERS service during which we were married or in a registered partnership. My non-spouse or non-partner designated beneficiary will receive the portion of the lump sum Option 1 benefit or monthly option allowance that is not payable to my spouse or domestic partner. I understand that my spouse or domestic partner will have the right to disclaim entitlement to their community property interest in the death benefit at the time the benefit becomes payable, if they so desire.

More detailed information on this section is available in this publication.
Are you legally married or do you have a legal domestic partner? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, your spouse or domestic partner must sign this election.
If no, please indicate: Never Married/or in Partnership Divorced/Annull
☐ Widowed Or Termination of Domestic Partnership



Section 9 – Member Signature and Notary (continued)

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Your Signature			Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
four Spouse's or Domestic Partner's	Signature		Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
State of California, County o	f			
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personally appeared		, who proved t	to me on the basis of satisfactory	evidence
			ument and acknowledged to me	
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•), and that by his/her/their signat	
the instrument the person(s)	, or the entity upo	n behalf of which the per	rson(s) acted, executed the instru	ment.
certify under Penalty of Pe	erjury under the la	ws of the State of Califor	mia that the foregoing paragraph	is true
and correct.				
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Witness my hand and official	al seal <mark>or</mark> authorize	ed CalPERS representativ	ve signature.	
Signature of Notary or CalPERS Rep	resentative	Position Title	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
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Print Name		CalPERS Office (if	applicable)	

Supporting Documentation and Forms

- Justification for Absence of Spouse's or Domestic Partner's Signature
- Direct Deposit Authorization
- Copy of spouse or domestic partner birth certificate
- Copy of marriage certificate or certificate of domestic partnership

Contacting CalPERS

- Use the Ask CalPERS service on CalPERS On-Line
- Call **888 CalPERS** (or **888**-225-7377)
- Correspond by mail
- Visit one of the CalPERS Regional Offices

- Follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/CalPERS
- Find us on Facebook: http://facebook.com/myCalPERS
- View Videos on YouTube: http://youtube.com/CalPERSNetwork







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Walnut Creek Regional Office

Sacramento Regional Office

San Jose Regional Office

Fresno Regional Office

Glendale Regional Office

Orange Regional Office

San Bernardino Regional Office

San Diego Regional Office



This concludes our presentation.

Thank you for attending!

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